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1. At 25 October 1948 meeting of the SED Kreis functionaries Karl Hagen, SED Landesverband Berlin, delivered the major speech in which he outlined the Party program for the coming months. The following points are of immediate importance.
2. The SED leadership realizes that the Western Powers cannot be forced to leave Berlin in the near future. Their withdrawal is still a basic Party aim but the SED is under instructions not to let the situation develop into an open conflict under any circumstances. Thus intensified agitation and propaganda work are the only means by which the Party can exert pressure.
3. The Party cannot count on Red Army assistance in the western sectors. The political situation prevents the slightest Russian interference in western Berlin. "The Red Army cannot pull our chestnuts out of the fire."
4. The SED is not in a position to take an immediate active role in the struggle for Berlin. Reorganization of the Party work is essential and a revolutionary element must come to the fore. The new Party line will be free of the ineffectual, opportunistic approach to socialism. Karl Litke and Hermann Matern are incapable of energetic leadership to win the masses. Litke is sick but Matern will get another important job. Hans Jendretzki was appointed because he is an experienced revolutionary and labor leader.
5. The SED cannot take a position on the Berlin city government problem or the coming elections pending a decision on a higher level. The course of the Soviet Sector after the final split of the city government is still unclear but the democratic bloc will probably be relied on as the basis of the new administration.

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